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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

ON

UNITED KINGDOM PROPOSAL TO EXPORT AIRBORNE NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT

TO THE SOVIET ZONE OF GERMANY

June 4th, 1959

Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM 3510, 3543.

1. The CHAIRMAN recalled that at the previous meeting (COCOM 3543) a number of Delegates had given the views of their authorities on the United Kingdom proposal to export 10 automatic pilots and integrated flight systems to the Soviet Zone of Germany. He invited Delegates to give the further views of their authorities.

2. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate said that additional information was now available in respect of the following equipment referred to in COCOM 3510: SEP.2 Automatic Pilot and Smiths Flight System.

"The SEP.2 Automatic Pilot is a specifically civil development not intended for use in combat aircraft.

It is unsuitable for combat aircraft because:-

- (a) It lacks any provision for coupling to bombing and/or tactical systems.
- (b) The bank and pitch angles necessary on combat aircraft cannot be obtained on this equipment.
- (c) The equipment will not meet the stringent military specifications in respect of vibration and temperature extremes.

"The arguments concerning the specifically civil application of the SEP.2 Automatic Pilot are also of relevance to the Flight System since it forms an integral part of the Flight System.

"The Flight System developed for combat aircraft is a completely different design to meet special requirements for manoeuvring and direction which are not called for in civil aircraft."

3. The FRENCH Delegate said that the views of his authorities were not favourable. They felt that it was not wise to assist the aircraft industry of the Soviet Bloc by supplying equipment for prototypes. They would nevertheless study the further information which had been supplied by the United Kingdom.

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4. The GERMAN Delegate thanked his United Kingdom colleague for the details he had supplied but said that he did not think his authorities would alter their opinion. Item 1501 was not limited to equipment which had military uses but covered all airborne equipment of certain specifications. His authorities did not wish to give any assistance to the development of the aircraft industry in the Soviet Bloc.
5. The BELGIAN Delegate said that the views of his authorities were not favourable and they were not sure that the equipment was destined for civil aircraft. Moreover there was no certainty that such aircraft would even be used on flights to Western countries, thus the Notes to Item 1501 did not necessarily apply. In addition his authorities were anxious to avoid giving any undue assistance to the development of the aircraft industry in the Soviet Bloc.
6. The UNITED STATES Delegate said that the final views of his authorities were not favourable for the reasons he had described at the previous meeting.
7. The COMMITTEE agreed to continue the discussion on June 12th.

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